

#### YELLOW ICE

Gov. HAMPTON is out of danger, but his recovery will be slow.

On Tuesday several of the New York banks resumed by paying out gold.

A negro woman in Providence, R. I. laughed herself to death a few days ago.

The Blaine committee will make a trip to South Carolina. Some republicans predict a fizzle.

BUFFALO, N. Y., had a heavy snow storm on Monday. The snow was three feet deep on a level.

The Waco Cotton Exchange has held a meeting and "resolved" that Waco wants more railroads.

A St. Louis dispatch of the 24th reports the Mississippi river closed by ice from St. Paul to Cairo.

The Comanche Chief has "patented." Its inside is of foreign manufacture; its overcoat or outside is homespun.

At St. Louis, on Sunday morning, the thermometer indicated 3°; this probably accounts for the cold snap down here.

HALL's company of State troops will be disbanded January 1, and will not be reorganized unless the legislature shall so provide.

MR. SEEBACH, city editor of the San Antonio Express has committed matrimony. Miss Hattie Thompson, of Belton, captured him.

STEPHEN D. RICHARDS has just been captured at Steubenville, O. He confesses to having murdered nine persons in Nebraska.

JOHN KENNEDY, a citizen of Houston since 1838, and one of her wealthiest and most enterprising men, died on the 24th inst., aged 60 years.

GEN. TREVINO and staff has arrived at Fort Clark. He was received with military honors. A grand ball was given. The general is en route to San Antonio.

The Caldwell Eagle has gone to roost. He will come down early in January and flap his wings under the management of Mr. W. K. Homan.

JUDGE REAGAN thinks his bill placing restrictions on railroads will be generally approved and that public sentiment will carry it through the senate.

It is all a mistake about J. G. Tracy having been appointed revenue collector at Galveston. He has been appointed gauger for a rectifying house at Houston.

The capitol and other public buildings and improvements at Washington has cost the nation a grand total of \$2,112,395 87. The capitol building alone cost \$17,184,691 13.

A NEW greenback paper with a capital of \$600 is to be started at Sherman soon, if not sooner. The \$600 will soon be used up and the greenback paper will then cease to flicker.

HERE'S the latest and most seasonable bee. "Sausage bees" are now the fashion in Kentucky, young men and maidens gathering to grind a neighbors' scrap pork into sausage meat.

J. W. Crawford was caught stealing goods at the Texas Pacific depot at Terrell. It is thought he is at the head of an organized gang of freight thieves.

A SPECIAL dispatch to the Telegram from Columbus says "Richard King, the well known cattle king of western Texas, passed through on a special train, en route west, etc., etc."

— The Belville Beacon has a very unique way of "dishing up" locals. Here's a specimen: We learn that a lady from near Milheim had the misfortune to fall into a well the last week. She was taken out dead.

E. R. Elliston, a newspaper writer of ability and an ex-preacher has been sent to the Missouri penitentiary for two years just for slinging three-card monte in Henry county, in that state.

The Austin Statesman takes the responsibility of making the assertion that "the average Texan as court will jug the thief for ten years for larcinating the mule and acquit thief if he garrote the owner."

The Texas Collegian is the title of an eight page monthly paper, edited and published by the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Bryan. It is a very creditable paper.

WHILE the newspapers of the State are busily engaged in expatiating on the prevalence of crime, the murderers are busy with knife and pistol. Crime is epidemic, not only in Texas, but throughout the whole country.

WM. MOODY recently died in Cincinnati at the age of 88 years. He was the first white child born in that city. He was born in a log cabin at the corner of Fourth and Main streets, where there was at that time a cornfield.

A MISSOURI lady has made a cloak of the feathers of prairie chickens, ducks and quails. She used 38,880 feathers, requiring 17,000 stitches. The cloak is valued at \$500 and is said to be a great curiosity.

THERE was considerable excitement at Evansville, Ind., by the discovery of the body of Frank Murphy, a respectable painter, in the dissecting room of the Evansville medical college. He had not been buried a week.

The average Texan's greed for office is apparently insatiable. The city election in Denison is full six months off, yet many aspirants for municipal honors are already ventilating their claims for various positions of honor and trust.

The Belton Journal very truthfully remarks, "We have the best of criminal laws; if they are properly enforced there can be no need for lynch law. Let every neighborhood take the lead for itself and see that the law is enforced."

The assistant treasurer at New York writes to the treasury department at Washington that the resumption of specie payments will be effected January 1st without any embarrassment whatever in business circles.

The Headlight says there is some talk of Belton being connected with Georgetown by railroad. The distance is only 32 miles, and Belton could build the road with about the same amount of money she offered to give the Santa Fe.

The legislature of Missouri has been petitioned by the grand juries of several counties to establish the whipping post in that state. The Benton county jury says "more punishment is imposed on the honest tax-payers than is inflicted on the criminal by fines or short terms of imprisonment."

#### TO OUR PATRONS.

With this issue the WEEKLY BANNER closes the thirteenth consecutive year of its publication, it having been established in 1865, just after the close of the late unpleasantness. At that time the town was quite a desolate place, the population being only five thousand inhabitants. It has been the purpose of the BANNER to keep fully up with the times, and believing that its patrons want a larger paper, it will in its next issue, on the 3d of January, be presented as a thirty-six column paper, making it one of the largest interior papers published in Texas.

The proprietors take this opportunity of thanking its patrons for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed and pledge themselves to use their best endeavors not only to retain the present patronage, but to merit a largely increased one. They will labor assiduously for the interests of Brenham and Washington county in particular, and the State of Texas in general.

We hereby duly authorize each and every subscriber to constitute himself a committee of one to advise his neighbor to subscribe for the WEEKLY BANNER, feeling fully assured that we will give them a paper worth every cent of the \$2 per year charged for subscription. The BANNER makes a specialty of the local news of the city and county and also gives a weekly summary of the general news of the State. To those who would keep posted on the current news of the day as well as on their local affairs, we would say, take the BANNER.

#### Rothschild Guilty.

The jury in the celebrated Rothschild case at Marshall after being out from 9:30 on Monday evening last till 11:30 on Tuesday morning entered court returned the following verdict: "We the jury find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree." The prisoner looked disappointed. The universal opinion is, that the verdict is an eminently just one. On this jury which has nobly done its duty were eleven farmers and one carpenter. The case will be appealed. All the evidence was circumstantial.

THE Waco Telephone says grave complaints have found their way into print regarding the management of the State Asylums at Austin for the deaf and dumb and insane. It is charged that the insane patients are treated with severity. The Telephone suggests that the legislature investigate the charges.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., is a very proper place; the local reporter of a local paper was brought before the grand jury on a charge of working on Sunday. He had reported and written up a local item that happened after 12 o'clock on Saturday night. The wicked comps and the publishers of the paper were not "troubled."

In congress there are two hundred and twenty-three lawyers and only seventy who are not lawyers. It appears from this that the lawyers have the matter of legislation entirely in their own hands in spite of the fact that the prosperity of the country depends entirely upon its agricultural and commercial pursuits. There should by rights be a much larger representation of farmers, merchants and manufacturers.

THE Austin Statesman is very strongly in favor of a law restricting the privilege of voting to poll-tax payers, and is inclined to the opinion that such a measure will be favorably entertained by the legislature. A law of this kind would of course have to be submitted to a vote of the people, but with the evils that now beset us by the election of incompetent officials, we think there is no doubt but that it would meet with the approval of a majority of the people of the State.

THE Dallas Herald suggests that Texas follow the example of Georgia and issue state bonds of the denomination of \$5 and \$10 bearing a low rate of interest and that the same be put in circulation as money. Should the plan ever be put into execution the value of such state bonds would be regulated by the credit of the state; some of the states having no credit cannot issue any bonds or if they did the bonds would be worthless. It may be doubted whether the scheme of state bonds for circulation has any practical value.

A GEORGIA planter writes a letter to the New York Bulletin in which he states that he can make plenty of money if he can realize 8 cents per pound for cotton, when he can buy bacon at 5 and 6 cents a pound and corn at 50 cents a bushel.

THE Waco Telephone says it is predicted that eventually Mr. Pierce of the Sunset route will own the Santa Fe road and that it will never be operated beyond Richmond. The road is owned in Galveston and we predict that it will never pass into the hands of the managers of the Sunset route, but that it will be completed to Belton long before Waco gets out of the clutches of the Central, and that from Belton it will be continued until it taps the Texas Pacific which will be extended towards the Pacific coast.

THE BANNER fully endorses the above.

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#### THE NEGRO IN POLITICS

It is said that Pennsylvania has a negro population of 30,000, Ohio 15,000, New York, Illinois and Indiana have also a considerable number of negroes. The negroes in none of these states have any representation in congress, neither are they elected to any office of trust, honor or emolument. In the old free states the negroes hold no offices, not even that of constable, and in the matter of juries they are also given the go-by. In those states the negro has no political power whatever, he is simply used as a voter and is expected as in duty bound to vote the radical ticket. Some of the northern negroes are beginning to discover that they have no privileges other than voting, and at this they are dissatisfied and have begun asking some very knotty questions, such as, why are they allowed no offices? The question is easily answered—the white people have no confidence in them; they feel that are able to manage their own affairs without negro officials and they won't have them. The radical party has no earthly use for the negro other than to use him as voter. So far as holding office is concerned he is completely and absolutely ostracized. Here in Texas there will be five negroes in the next legislature, notwithstanding the fact that the State is overwhelmingly democratic. Texas will probably have a larger colored representation in her legislature than any other state. In Tennessee, Missouri and Kentucky no negroes are elected to any offices, except perhaps in very rare instances. The negro politically is undoubtedly a failure; should the subject be agitated there is but little doubt that the sentiment of a very large majority of the white men of the United States, both north and south, is opposed to negro suffrage as a matter of principle. The republican party having discovered that it can no longer use the colored people of the south for the purpose of electing republican congressmen, is now nearly ready to abandon them to their fate by disfranchising them for the express purpose of reducing the representation from what they are pleased to denominate the solid south.

A CURIOUS case has lately been decided in the superior court at St. Louis. The case is stated as follows: Robert Schenk obtained judgment against Louis Meier on a note; defendant made a motion for a new trial on the ground that two of the jurors could not read writing, and were not legally qualified jurors, and although challenged were allowed to retain their places in the jury-box. Judge Gottschalk sustained the motion for a new trial, saying that inasmuch as the law declared that the instructions of the court shall be sent to the jury room for the inspection of the jury, it premises that all jurors shall possess the ability to read them.

THE Dallas Herald says "it is humiliating to see the lower and appellate court of Texas becoming subjects of ridicule and contempt. They have turned so many criminals loose, respect for them has been lost."

The trouble is not with the appellate, but with the lower courts. The lower courts, by their rulings, have their decisions reversed. The remedy is in having better district judges and prosecuting attorneys. The salaries now paid district judges and prosecuting attorneys will not secure first-class talent. It is a fallacy to expect first-class talent for second or third rate pay.

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#### FROM GAY HILL

Timon Theorizes.

I have read with some interest your articles on proposed constitutional amendments, and not only yours, but also similar ones in various papers of the State. In fact the amendment of our constitution and the radical change of some of our laws, seems to be a Herculean task in which all the editors of the State are engaged. Nor is it confined to the editors, for all classes seem to have something to say or write, on one or the other of these subjects. The result of course, is bound to be much light, but whether this light will emanate from gas or not, I can't say.

But seriously, in reading and hearing the various amendments and changes proposed, I am reminded of the anecdote Dr. Franklin told Thos. Jefferson when the declaration of Independence was being discussed and criticized in Congress. The latter it seems was writhing under the criticisms of his bantling, and to comfort him the Dr. told him of John Thompson, the latter, who, when he was to start business for himself consulted his friends on the subject of his sign. The one he had chosen was "John Thompson, hatter, makes and sells hats for ready money" with the sign of a hat. The first friend suggested that the word hatter, was entirely superfluous, to which John readily agreed, and it was stricken out. The next said that he need not say he wanted "ready money," as few persons would want credit for an article of so small value as a hat, and if they did they might find it convenient to give it. So those words were stricken out. A third friend said that when a man wanted to buy a hat he did not care who made it. So two more words were dropped and the sign now reads: "John Thompson sells hats." A fourth friend's advice was sought, who asked him "who the Devil would expect him to give away his hats?" On this cogent criticism he struck out another word, and his sign then, was "John Thompson," with the sign of the hat. Now, as the preachers say, to make the application, if all the changes were made that you and others advocate, we would have nothing of our constitution left but the title page, "The Constitution of the State of Texas, Adopted in Convention Assembled," etc., etc.

This might be all right, but if it was, we could not be happy, because then we would have nothing to quarrel about. And with no bone of contention we would certainly be miserable.

If as is contended by some, (though not by Timon,) we have been going from bad to worse ever since the war; it might be well enough to let bad enough alone. But in my opinion we have been improving some all the time, and have reason to take courage; one misfortune is that we have gotten so in the habit of changing our constitution and laws that we are not satisfied to try either fully, before we want to try something else. The fact is we want an efficient government that we won't have to be taxed to support, one that is self sustaining. We want laws that it will require no sacrifice on our part to obey—I am afraid we not find either.

Each class of citizens thinks it can propose something that will come nearest attaining these ends. The lawyer says he is more familiar with the practical workings of our laws than any one else, and hence knows better what we want. The editor thinks his opportunities for learning the wants and necessities of the people are unsurpassed, and therefore he knows what is needed. While the farmers and mechanics may not be able to tell as fully what they do want, they can very quickly tell what they don't want.

Now to give all a fair trial, I propose that our constitution be so amended, that for one session of the legislature only lawyers shall be elected, for the next only farmers and mechanics. This would give all a chance to show the good that was in them. And should it be found that the system did not work well, we could again amend our constitution.

#### TIMON OF GAY HILL.

December 23d, 1878.

THE Texas Legislature has more to do than any like body that ever assembled in the State, and the least possible time in which to accomplish its tasks. The facility with which business may be dispatched depends upon the wisdom and quickness of apprehension of the Speaker. The ablest and wisest candidate should be chosen. It signifies nothing where he lives.—Austin Statesman.

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#### STATE NEWS.

— A San Antonio auctioneer advertises canary birds at auction.

— Louis Temple and Tom Doran had a fight at Junction City, Kimble county. Both were killed.

— A one and a-half story brick dwelling was burned in Dallas on Monday night. Loss about \$2500.

— The attempted escape of John Wesley Hardin from the Huntsville penitentiary is fully confirmed, says the Telegram.

— The Belton stage now stops at Georgetown, where the passengers take "shipping" by rail for Round Rock, Austin and other towns.

— Johnny Thompson's variety show in Dallas is in full blast. So is the Dallas Commercial in full blast in a vain endeavor to squelch Johnny.

— Shovers of the queer have been quite busy in northern Texas lately and large amounts of counterfeit money have been put in circulation.

— Hempstead's mayor's court has raked down \$43 for fines in the last 17 days. The Courier thinks this is doing a lively business.

— It has been definitely settled that a democratic convention will be held in San Antonio for the nomination of municipal officers.

— Ed Hunter and Bill Reader, negro gamblers at Fort Worth, had a professional difference. The latter was fatally shot. Hunter was arrested.

— A nigger-shooter was shot in the town of San Augustine and a negro's eye was shot out. In all incorporated towns nigger-shooters are tabooed.

— Young Mashburn a boy of 16 who shot a 9-year old boy in Bell county was captured after a race of 100 miles. He is now safely lodged in the Bell county jail.

— Two professionals appeared in Belton last week and it appears from some hints in the Journal succeeded in making a raise from the uninitiated, they then skipped.

— The working men and the greenbackers of Houston have both determined to hold conventions and both will doubtless endeavor to put tickets in the field.

#### Grimes county.

NAVASOT, DEC. 23:

On the night of the 17th our town had a blaze. The blaze was discovered at the unseemly hour of 3 o'clock a. m. It originated on the first floor of Odd Fellows hall from an open stove that had been used on the previous evening by a German school teacher. The Odd Fellows and the Temperance council lost all their regalia, furniture, etc.; insurance small. T. D. Cobbs law office, Justice Terrills and the mayor's office were also burned; no insurance. Mr. Cobbs saved his library. Dr. J. P. Barnett's residence was slightly damaged. The charming amateurs, the Wear sisters and the Lone Star dramatic company gave a performance here last week. Weather bad; house small; performance good.

Your excellent paper is a weekly visitor at these headquarters. Long may the BANNER waive.

LITTLE "HUB" No. 2.

To the People of Texas.

We, your senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, would respectfully remind you that the general assembly of Virginia in 1871 incorporated the Lee Monument association with a view to the erection, at the city of Richmond, of a monument in memory of general Robert E. Lee.

The execution of this trust is committed to a board of managers, composed of the governor, the treasurer and the auditor of public accounts of Virginia.

The 19th of January is the anniversary of general Lee's birth, and we beg to propose to you that you shall organize in your several towns and counties auxiliary Lee monument associations, and through them canvass every house in Texas, and especially on that day we recommend that you have concerts or some similar entertainment.

It is right and proper that Texas should bear a prominent part in this display of gratitude and affection, and we entertain no doubt of a prompt willingness on your part to respond liberally to this our appeal according to your ability.

All funds collected should be sent to the Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, the treasurer of the commonwealth of Virginia, (who is also the treasurer of the Lee Monument association) at Richmond, Virginia.

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#### Resolutions.

At a special meeting of the "Euxinian Society" of St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., held on December 17th, 1878, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to take to Himself our beloved brother, LINDSAY P. RUCKER, Jr., therefore,

Resolved, That we, members of the Euxinian Society, bow in humble submission to the will of God, believing that "He does not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men."

Resolved, That we deeply mourn the loss of our brother whose pure christian character endeared him to all; and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents and relations in their affliction.

Resolved, That we wear mourning thirty days as a mute acknowledgment and token of our grief, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Brenham (Texas) BANNER and to the Churchman for publication.

WILLIAM HALL,  
Geo. A. CORNELL,  
OLIN HALLOCK,  
Committee.

— The negro is naturally of an imitative disposition, he wants to do everything done by his white neighbors. A Comanche negro to be fully up with the times forged an order on a store keeper and obtained \$25 worth of goods. It being his first attempt in the forgery line was soon detected, and he was caught and furnished with lodging in the jug.

— The Mexia Ledger, like all the other interior papers has some delinquent subscribers, in order to convince that class of its patrons that it isn't green it proposes to mark all papers going to delinquents with a green pencil mark, and gives them to understand that the green mark signifies that the Ledger is not green enough to trust them any longer.

— The Hempstead Courier complains that the city council has reduced the marshal's salary to \$35 per month. It says nothing about the trimmings or perquisites belonging to the office, but consoles itself with the reflection that everybody is well paid except the man that does the work.

— The assessor and collectors office in Hempstead is worth about \$400 and the city attorneyship is estimated to be worth \$800, the attorney gets \$5 for each conviction and this makes "trimmings" pretty high in the mayor's court.

— Sheriff Rabb, of Fayette county, passed through Houston on Saturday en route to Huntsville with six negroes convicted in the district court at LaGrange.

#### To the Public.

NOTICE is hereby given that S. G. Wright is no longer connected with the Singer Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company, for he has not been for the past six months, and has no right to receive or demand for the same. The genuine Singer Sewing Machine is made only of our daily authorized agent, J. W. Reagin, at Brenham, Texas. He is authorized to receive and receive for money due on all Machines sold under Central Hall. Seelies 25 cents per dozen. nov24

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640 ACRES, unimproved, on Waters of Kechi creek in Jack county, about 11 miles south-west from Jacksonville. Will exchange for property in or near Brenham.

197 ACRES, 8 miles north of Brenham good land, 175 acres in cultivation, and two houses, two wells, and other improvements on the place. This is a fine prairie farm, and can be had at a great bargain by applying soon; terms half cash, balance on time, or a count for each cash.

110 ACRES, 5 miles north of Brenham on Independence road, 95 acres in cultivation, one or two good box houses, and some other improvements. This is the best quality of prairie land, and lies well; to acre or this place is timely; will be sold on easy terms.

114 ACRES TIMBERED LAND, 22 miles north of Brenham. Good land, and some color. Will sell on easy terms, or will exchange for good property in Brenham.

230 ACRES. A farm in Lee County. Will sell or exchange for Washington County land.

318 ACRES good prairie land on head of West Bennett creek, about four miles south of Brenham. Well watered, with springs. This tract can be leased by paying one dollar of rent, and will make one of the best farms or pastures in Washington county.

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34 LOTS, comprising the Allcorn addition to Brenham in west part of town, is now offered for sale on easy terms. Most of these lots are very desirable, fronting on main and Sandy streets; plot of the addition in any office.

20 LOTS yet unsold in the Bassett addition, which be sold very low. Also unimproved lots in other parts of the city for sale.

1 LOT, containing 11 acres in northern part of town, well improved; terms moderate.

A ONE STORY RESIDENCE, very near the square, on main street, four or five rooms. The lot has a front or back of about 120 feet. Will be sold low for cash. Apply soon if you want a bargain.

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